

NORFOLK AND NORWICH NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 291604

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1985-04-23

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE, ORGANISE CARRY ON AND ENCOURAGE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC AND STUDY AND RESEARCH FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF KNOWLEDGE IN NATURAL SCIENCES AND TO PROTECT ENDANGERED SPECIES.

Activities: The Society organises an annual programme of lectures and field meetings and publishes a quarterly newsletter. Members receive free copies of the Society's Annual Transactions and the Norfolk Bird and Mammal Report.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Norfolk

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£23,456	£30,626	-	-
2023-12-31	£26,666	£28,988	-	-
2022-12-31	£18,585	£22,212	-	-
2021-12-31	£41,038	£21,342	-	-
2020-12-31	£34,941	£29,276	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Samuel Neal	Chair	2021-03-23
Carlton Chapman		2024-03-26
Caroline Rachel Still		2026-03-24
DR A LEECH		
Danielle Neal		2026-03-24
Dr Elizabeth Anne Edwards		2023-03-28
Dr Janet Alison Higgins		2019-03-12
Justin Raymond Walker		2026-03-24
Neville Jeremy Richard Bartlett		2025-03-11
Ralph Wheeler		2024-03-26
Robert Alexander Yaxley		2023-03-28
Sarah Eleanor Marion Butler		2022-03-22
Timothy Neil Hodge		2026-03-24

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD 01 JANUARY 2023 TO 31 DECEMBER 2023

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How the charity is constituted: Unincorporated charitable association

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

This report will be published on the Charity Commission's website, where reports from previous years may also be found.

Introduction

The steady increase in membership, now around 720, has been most gratifying, especially in view of the announced rise in subscription to take place from April 2024. This increase has been necessary to ensure that the core activities of the Society are covered by regular income, allowing the generous legacies we have received to be used for additional research and publication purposes.

For one good reason or another, holders of important offices within the Society have announced that they are no longer able to continue, and concern had been expressed that without replacements we would struggle to provide for our members. The good news is that excellent candidates for these posts have come forward and agreed to stand at the next AGM. Although much has been done to improve the management of the Society there remain tasks to satisfy all aspects of sound charity governance and the work continues.

If management of the Society has caused some concern, its activities, outlined below have continued to be full and successful and I am very grateful to all who have contributed to these. A recent development is that the Liaison Committee, created a few years ago to facilitate cooperation with other organisations, now has the support of Council to review planning proposals that have significant adverse biodiversity impacts.

Sadly, two long-standing Vice-presidents, Roy Baker and Alec Bull, died in 2023. Their obituaries will appear in the 2023 Transactions.

NNNS Chair - Tony Leech

Organisation

The key management personnel of the charity are the Trustees, and the Society has no staff. The Society relies heavily on the voluntary work of the Trustees and many other volunteers, who make a vital contribution to the Society and for which the NNNS Council is very grateful.

Trustees are elected by the membership at the AGM either annually (Officers) or for three-year terms (members with no specific office). Trustees are aided on Council by Vice Presidents. These are members who have made major contributions to the study of natural history and have previously given long service on Council. They are elected for life by the membership and give advice, however they are not Trustees and do not vote at meetings.

Vice Presidents: R.E. Baker (died 20 July 2023), A.L. Bull (died 8 August 2023), R. Hancy, A.G. Irwin, D.I. Richmond.

The Society President is nominated by Council to serve for one year and is a person who has made a significant contribution to the understanding of natural history.

President until 28/03/23: Dr Pam Taylor

President from 28/03/23: Tim Holt-Wilson

Trustee names and responsibilities

The following individuals have held the position of Trustee during 2023.

Name	Additional role (if any), with dates in brackets if the role changed during 2023	Date served as Trustee (if not whole year)
Tony Leech	Chair Publications Committee Chair	
John Hobbs	Secretary	
Francis Farrow	Assistant Secretary	
Jim Froud	Treasurer Finance Committee Chair Membership Secretary	
Tania Evanns	Assistant Treasurer (until 28/3/23) Finance Committee Secretary (until 28/3/23)	Until 28/3/23
Carl Chapman	Liaison Committee Chair	
Mark Collins	Research Committee Chair	
Sarah Butler	Events and Outreach Committee Chair	
Anne Edwards	Events and Outreach Committee Secretary (from 28/3/23)	From 28/3/23
Jo Parmenter	Publications Committee Secretary Liaison Committee Secretary	
Janet Higgins	Research Committee Secretary	
Debbie Ashton		
Allan Archer		From 28/3/23
Sue Gale		
Alice Liddle		Until 28/3/23
Sam Neal		
Tim Strudwick		
Joe Harkness		Until 28/3/23
Rob Yaxley		From 28/3/23

Objectives and public benefit

The objectives of the Society are:

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- Publish papers on the natural sciences, especially those relating to Norfolk.
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The Society was approved as a charity by the Charity Commission in 1985 in the category of “Environment/Conservation/Heritage”, and was deemed to benefit the general public as a Society that *“provides advocacy/advice/information/sponsors or undertakes research”*

In carrying out our activities this year the Trustees paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on providing public benefit.

Some of the key activities relating to these areas of public benefit in 2023 were:

- A series of meetings by a range of guest speakers and available free to all
- Completion of a three-year research programme at the newly created Broadland Country Park north of Norwich. The information gathered will be used to aid the conservation of individual species, assemblages and habitats, and also to inform a management plan that will benefit the area for both people and wildlife.
- Improved support for activities that introduce young people to wildlife.

Achievements and activities

Events and Outreach

A full programme of events, both indoor and outdoor, was provided with activities spread across the county. Our presence with exhibits at the Norwich Science Fair provided an opportunity to speak to a large number of young people.

The Education Sub-committee has held regular quarterly meetings to plan educational activities. Delivery of these to schools and families was spearheaded by Allan Archer, supported by a grant from the Society. Sarah Butler provided her Naturalist Training Garden for use by the Society.

The Society’s website, maintained by Jim Froud, is our principal online presence, containing a large range of information about the Society, details of forthcoming events, an online shop and an extensive catalogue of former publications and species guides available to download for free. Both the NNNS Twitter account and the NNNS Facebook page, each run by James Emerson, have over 1200 followers. In addition, the Norfolk Wildlife Facebook group, managed by Andy Musgrove and a small team of volunteers, has over 6100 followers making it another important place for members of the public to hear about the Society and benefit from the expertise of its members. All of these media have seen increased use through the year and I am grateful to all involved in running them.

Events and Outreach Chair – Sarah Butler

Publications

Norfolk Bird & Mammal Report: The Reports for 2022 were published in time for the autumn half-term providing an increased opportunity for visitor sales. They were well-received and orders have been good. Barry Madden has taken over as editor and is preparing the 2023 Bird Report.

Transactions: The publication of Transactions was again delayed past the end of the year. However, it was 60% larger than the 2022 issue reflecting the amount of investigative work being carried out by members.

Natterjack: This quarterly bulletin not only brings items of wildlife interest to members but has replaced the programme card as a means of disseminating information about events. It also contains contact details for officers and county recorders. We are grateful to all contributors for their interesting short articles, notes and photographs and to Francis Farrow for editing and laying out the publication.

Occasional Publications: A further reprint of *Emma Turner: a life looking at birds* (James Parry) is planned as sales continue, including some from abroad. Manuscripts for *Cetaceans of Norfolk* (Carl Chapman) and *The Revd. MCH Bird: Gilbert White of the Broads* (James Parry) have been received and are being prepared for publication.

Publications Committee Chair – Tony Leech

Research

The Research Committee plans and implements an annual programme, in line with the NNNS mission and objectives. Mark Collins continued as Chair, ably supported by Secretary Janet Higgins and a Committee of seven that met in February and October, in addition to supporting the 40 or so County Recorders and dozen Specialist Groups, fostering individual and joint investigations, keeping records of work and publishing results. The Society welcomed new County Recorders for butterflies, terrestrial Heteroptera, and psyllids.

Small grants were agreed by Council to support freshwater invertebrate identification, management of bird records and trialling of a new system for recording fish data in cooperation with anglers.

A County Recorders' Meeting was held in December at the John Innes Centre on the theme *Freshwaters: Recording Today for a Better Tomorrow*. A dozen excellent speakers attracted an 80-strong audience to look at the importance, protection, recovery and future of Norfolk's wetland landscape.

The Society's priority three-year project at Broadland Country Park, in partnership with Broadland District Council, saw the completion of the third and final year of research, steered by a Working Group that met five times. The Working Group welcomed the new Park Manager, Nigel Stannet and thanked Dave Weaver, Jules Kennelly and all at the Broadland District Council, who had made the project possible.

Highlights of the year included new data on deer and other mammals from camera traps and the reintroduction of 34 Silver-studded Blue butterflies from Buxton Heath, an event which attracted media interest. The park continues to reveal its secrets and, with over 2500 species recorded and verified, is clearly an important site for Norfolk's biodiversity. County Recorders and other experts will now begin to draw the data together with a view to publishing an authoritative report on the park, its ecological and lifestyle values, and its importance in the cause of nature recovery.

The Research Committee has agreed with Norfolk Wildlife Trust to conduct a biological survey of Sweet Briar Marshes in Norwich over the coming two years. The Scientific Coordinator will be Prof. David Harper.

Research Committee Chair – Mark Collins

Liaison

The Liaison Committee fosters and maintains relationships with other Norfolk organisations with aims that overlap with ours. Increasingly, we are being approached to support objections to planning applications and are willing to provide wildlife information obtained by our members. Sometimes, more general support is requested and we need to consider carefully how appropriate this is. The biodiversity loss we are experiencing should remain at the top of any wildlife organisation's agenda and Council gave its support to a letter drafted by the Norfolk Wildlife Trust in opposition to plans for the Norwich Western Link Road.

The Committee has played a significant role in promoting, jointly with NWT, the second Marine Conservation for Norfolk Action Group conference at Cley, and has supported the Cromer Green Space initiative. Amongst many links forged, it continues to play a part in the Cromer Green Spaces activities and the Norfolk Green Infrastructure Group (Norfolk County Council).

The long-standing arrangement by which representatives from a number of organisations were invited to Council meetings has been replaced by the distribution, to selected persons, of a summary of items discussed that could be of wider interest. The Liaison Committee has agreed to produce this.

Once again, my deep-felt thanks as chairman go to all members of the committee; as always, special mention must go to Jo Parmenter, the committee's secretary, who continues to support the Society in a way that is unparalleled.

Liaison Committee Chair - Carl Chapman (to 17 January 2024)

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Summary

Full details of the Society's accounts can be found on following pages. The total cash balance of the Society on 31st December 2023 was £121,274.

We thank the outgoing Assistant Treasurer, Tania Chapman, who before April 2023 prepared reports from the Finance Committee to Council meetings, to which the Treasurer also reported budget monitoring, accounts status and membership trends.

Reserves

One legacy was received in 2023 (none in 2022), from Philip Strachan in June. We also received two donations of £1000 from Tim Peet on behalf of the Sarnia Trust.

The Society's finances are well above the amount required to cover our planned spending. The Society has agreed a Reserves Policy which stated that we should maintain assets of one year's expenditure. The Finance Committee will continue to review this when annual budgets are set.

Risk Management

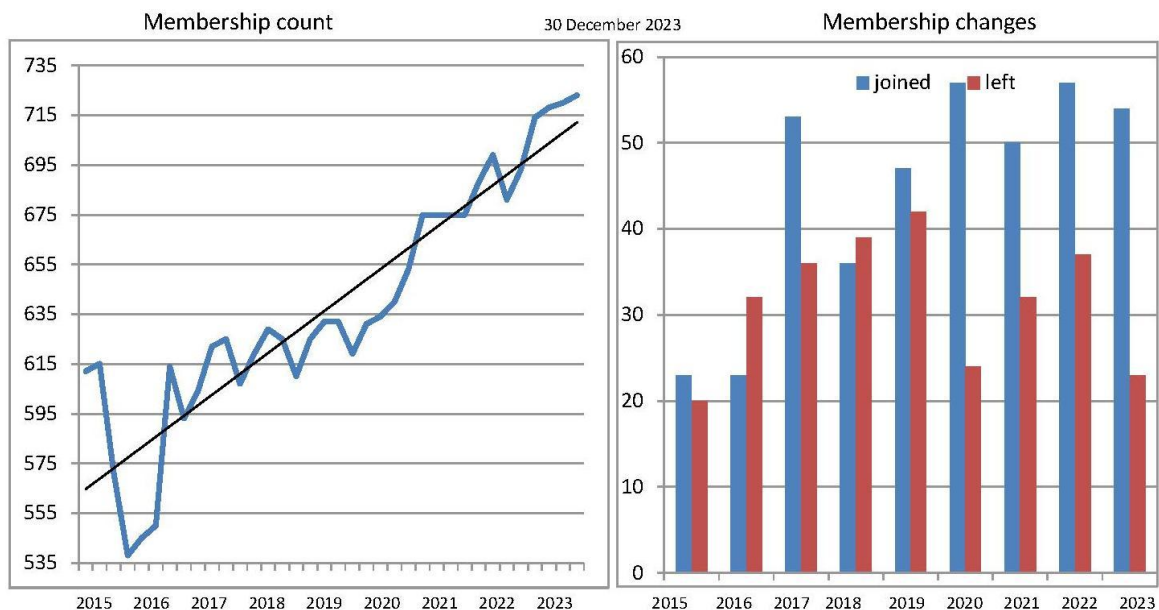
The Treasurer monitors all accounts at least weekly and is notified immediately of debits and larger receipts.

The Finance Committee met four times in 2023 to validate spending.

Plans for the Future Period

Budgets agreed by Council ensure spending plans are aligned with the Society's aims and include a Publications Budget, an Education budget, and a revised Research Budget for continuing projects in 2024 and starting new initiatives.

Membership growth



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1st January to 31st December 2023

RECEIPTS		2023	2022
Membership	Subscription	14,197	13,584
Voluntary sources	Legacies and Donations (Notes f and g)	7,964	466
	Grants	180	300
Trading activities	"Bird & Mammal Report"	1,653	2,930
	Sales of other publications	1,414	619
	Workshop attendance fees	0	0
Income from assets	Interest	1,257	686
Total receipts		26,666	18,585

PAYMENTS		2023	2022
Lectures & meetings	Room hire / speakers' expenses	852	214
	Workshops	125	250
	Programme card printing	0	29
	Exhibitions and publicity	211	17
Print & Post Publications	"Transactions 2022" (Note a)	3,654	4510
	"Bird & Mammal Report"	9,280	7235
	Fees and postage of sales	418	997
	"Occasional Publications" (Note b)	13	617
	Quarterly "Natterjack", print and post	6,689	4583
Membership services	Postage to members and website	486	689
Research	Research projects (Note c)	3,329	989
	Grants for Research	0	161
Education	Education (Note d)	2,120	487
Governance	AGM expenses: print and post	196	654
	Public liability insurance	811	723
	150th Anniversary Library	302	0
	Miscellaneous	501	59
Total payments		28,988	22,212

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES in Calendar Year 2023

Funds and Assets		2023	2022
		£	£
Movement in funds	Start of year balance	123,596	127,223
	Receipts	26,666	18,585
	Payments	28,988	22,212
	Surplus or deficit (Note e)	-2,322	-3,627
End of year balance		121,274	123,596
Assets at period end	Represented by:		
	Cash at Barclays	50,686	24,412
	PayPal account	330	183
	Teachers Saving A/c	70,257	99,000
End of year balance		121,274	123,596

Notes

- a) We expect to print, publish and post "Transactions 2023" early in 2024
- b) Other upcoming "Occasional Publications" are likely in 2024
- c) Even more Research spending will be carried over to 2024
- d) Education and Outreach will hopefully continue to grow.
- e) Our Reserves Policy requires us to maintain financial assets of one year's outgoings, which was £22,000. Expecting that there would be a shortfall in Spring 2023, at the end of 2022 a transfer of £30,000 from Savings to Barclays was scheduled, and the shortfall was avoided.
- f) We continue to gratefully acknowledge the Sarnia Trust in our printed publications, their donations (sent by Tim Peet in Guernsey) help to maintain high print quality.
- g) We are also grateful for the legacy sum of £5,000 - the bequest of the late Philip Strachan who died in October 2022. Plans for using this resource are under way.

J Froud - Treasurer 18/02/2024

DECLARATION



Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Anthony Robert Leech, Chairman

Date: 18 March 2024

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S UNQUALIFIED REPORT

NORFOLK AND NORWICH NATURALISTS' SOCIETY REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 291604

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Norfolk & Norwich Naturalists' Society

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Norfolk & Norwich Naturalists' Society ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the summary of receipts and payments and the statement of assets and liabilities.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the accounts. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently I express no audit opinion on the accounts and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Introduction

The Council of the Norfolk and Norwich Naturalists' Society has pleasure in presenting this Annual Report and Financial Statement for the year ending December 31st 2021. Despite restrictions on public meetings due to the pandemic, membership of NNNS has risen steadily throughout the year to 675 members (653 at the end of 2020). Other activities have continued and the Society's research efforts have expanded significantly, whilst the Membership & Events Committee is in the process of recruiting members to develop a more focused educational role.

In 2021 several trustees came to the end of their term in office or have stood down as members of Council and I thank them wholeheartedly for their service; Tony Irwin (Research Committee Chairman), Tim Hodge (Assistant Treasurer), Will Fitch (Council member) and Mary Goddard (Council member). We were delighted that Tony Irwin agreed to continue his association with the Society by becoming a Vice President, which was duly approved by the membership. Sincere thanks are also due to Carl Chapman, who stepped down as Society Chairman after four years in the role at the 2021 AGM, but continues on Council as Chairman of the Liaison Committee.

I remain very grateful for the support and dedication shown by all members of the NNNS Council and, on our members' behalf, thank them.

Tony Leech (NNNS Chairman) January 2022

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P.W. Lambley, D.I. Richmond.

The Society President is nominated by Council to serve for one year and is a person who has made a significant contribution to the understanding of natural history.

President until 23/03/21: Dr Jeff Price **President from 23/03/21: Nick Acheson**

Trustee names and responsibilities

The following individuals have held the position of Trustee during 2021.

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Tony Leech	Chair (from 23/03/21) Publications Committee Chair	
James Emerson	Secretary	
Francis Farrow	Assistant Secretary	
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Carl Chapman	Chair (until 23/03/21) Liaison Committee Chair	
Tony Irwin	Research Committee Chair	Until 23/03/21
Nicholas Mark Collins	Research Committee Secretary (until 23/03/21) Research Committee Chair (from 23/03/21)	
Danielle Engelbrecht	Membership & Events Chair	
Jo Parmenter	Publications Committee Secretary Liaison Committee Secretary	
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In carrying out our activities this year the Trustees paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on providing public benefit.

Some of the key activities relating to these areas of public benefit in 2021 were:

- A series of online talks by a range of guest speakers and available free to all
- Public workshops covering aspects of moth and fungi ID
- Release of an occasional publication on plant galls
- The establishing of a research library at Wheatfen in partnership with the Ted Ellis Trust
- Commencement of a three-year research programme at the newly created Broadland Country Park north of Norwich. The information gathered will be used to aid the conservation of individual species, assemblages and habitats, and also to inform a management plan that will benefit the area for both people and wildlife.

Achievements and activities

Events

The only field event to go ahead this year was a joint event in Norwich held in conjunction with the Friends of Earlham Cemetery, although a small group were able to meet at Wheatfen in August to celebrate the opening of the new research library. We were however pleased to be able to put on a variety of online talks via Zoom, covering topics such as the rewilding project at Wild Ken Hill, citizen science, a biodiversity audit of the North Norfolk Coast and Ash dieback disease. Our thanks go to all of the excellent speakers who made these events work, including Carl Chapman, James Brown, Jeff Price, Rob Hawkes, James Gilroy and Daniel Salliss, Dominic Buscall, Sam Neal and Liam Smith,

Jonah Tosney and Tom Russell Grant.

Education of the public about the wildlife of Norfolk is a key aim of the Society and one that you will find running through the activities described here. In addition to the talks, publications, research and outreach carried out in 2021, “fungi for beginners” and “moths for beginners” workshops were well attended, whilst the Society had a stall at the popular Norwich Science Festival during their nature and environment day. Over the summer one of the Trustees also led several sessions introducing primary school children to the invertebrate life of Marston Marshes as part of an event organised by Eaton Vale Residents Association.

We are looking forward to a return to face-to-face events as soon as possible in 2022.

Secretary – James Emerson

Publications

The Society’s annual staples, the *Norfolk Bird & Mammal Report* and *Transactions*, were produced in 2021 although publication of the latter has been delayed to the early part of 2022. The *Norfolk Bird & Mammal Report*, slightly larger than usual due to greater use of photographs, is selling well from the usual outlets, with a steadily increasing demand for direct online sales. Nick Owens is stepping down after editing *Transactions* for six years; he has done a splendid job in maintaining the academic standards and interest levels in this publication which, as well as informing members, is placed in local and national libraries.

Early in the year we published, as an Occasional Publication, *Illustrations of Norfolk Plant Galls* by Robert Maidstone, containing nearly 700 exquisite line drawings by the author. *Emma Turner: a life looking at birds* has proved to be popular and we are contemplating a reprint. Publications on Norfolk whales and the Rev. Maurice Bird are in the pipeline.

Four issues of the Society’s quarterly bulletin *The Norfolk Natterjack* have continued to inform members about Norfolk’s wildlife and I am continually grateful to Francis Farrow for his efficient and competent editorship producing such an attractive and interesting publication.

Publications Chair – Tony Leech

Research

The Research Committee plans and implements the Society’s research programme. In February, Dr Tony Irwin stepped down as Chair after many years of service and was replaced by Dr Mark Collins. The Committee supports members involved in the Society’s research projects, including the 40 County Recorders and dozen Specialist Groups. It fosters individual or joint investigations, keeps records of work and releases results through the Society’s publications.

In 2021 the Committee closed the four-year project at Buckenham Carrs and the Chair

prepared a full report for publication with inputs from County Recorders and Specialist Groups. Buckenham Carrs is an important element in the Broads Ramsar Wetland Site and the national network of SSSIs. Its nationally scarce vegetation types and ecological assemblages include many rare plants, birds and invertebrates. Based on thousands of hours of voluntary work, the study identified a creditable 1600 species, but this may represent only a quarter of the total yet to be discovered at this important site. Thanks are due to Malcolm and Thomas Savory for allowing us to work at Buckenham Carrs.

The Committee selected the newly designated Broadland Country Park for its next priority and entered into a three-year Memorandum of Agreement with Broadland District Council. Following the establishment of a Working Group to liaise with the Park Management, County Recorders, Special Interest Groups and other experts were invited to begin surveys. A topographic map of the Park's 16 ecological compartments supported detailed studies of invertebrates, vascular and non-vascular plants, and mammals. Scarce species and new records have emerged and a detailed work programme is planned for 2022. The Society is grateful to the Park staff, Sarah Burston and Julia Kennelly, for their support, and to all members of the Research Committee and Working Group for their guidance and advice.

NNNS member David Weaver was awarded the District Council's 2021 *Community at Heart Award* for his dedicated work at the Country Park.

The Committee participated in the ground-breaking *Barcoding the Broads* project in partnership with the Earlham Institute and DNA barcoding research will continue into 2022.

Research Committee Chair – Nicholas Mark Collins MA PhD

Liaison Committee

The function of the Liaison Committee is to establish working relationships with other organisations. The operations of a committee that is principally concerned with meeting people was once again curtailed by the pandemic. Meetings where possible were conducted by Zoom and just when we thought things were getting better the Omicron variant took hold. However, with the efforts of a dedicated committee of Alice Liddle, Trevor Williams, Jo Parmenter and Bob Leaney many relationships and opportunities were developed during the course of the year.

The committee sought out and put forward areas and projects for the Research Committee to consider. Factual information was presented on planning issues that protected wildlife within the county and funds were sought out for the development of projects that would revolutionise bat and bird migration monitoring in the county.

Projects in 2022 that will be coming to the fore concern Roadside Nature Rutionise bat and bird migration monitoring in the eserves and more monitoring and research possibilities.

Liaison Committee Chair - Carl Chapman

Online presence

The Society's website remains our 'shop window' to the world and is expertly maintained by Jim Froud. Amongst a wide range of content it includes links to our series of species guides and digitised volumes of our older publications – an exceptional amount of information made freely available. It also now features recordings of some of the online talks given by our guest speakers.

Social media has become an important way of connecting with both members and the wider public, allowing help with sighting identifications, sharing members' wildlife sightings and the highlighting of interesting talks and ID resources from other likeminded organisations. The NNNS Twitter account had 916 followers at the end of 2021, whilst the Society Facebook page that functions mainly to promote our events was followed by 775 people. The Norfolk Wildlife Facebook page managed by Andy Musgrove on behalf of the Society now has an impressive 4440 members and is another important way of informing members and other wildlife enthusiasts about the work of the Society. A big thank you to Andy and his fellow Facebook group moderators.

Secretary – James Emerson

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Summary

Full details of the Society's accounts can be found on pages 8 and 9. The total cash balance of the Society on 31st December 2021 was £127,223.

Reserves

Thanks to the receipt of various legacies in recent years, the Society's finances are well above the amount required to cover the annual production costs of *Transactions* and the *Norfolk Bird & Mammal Report*, so that their publication is independent of the variability in cash flow from subscriptions and sales. Whilst the Society does not currently have a formal reserves policy, one will be proposed and adopted during 2022.

Risk Management

In recent years the Society's main source of income has been via grants and legacies, followed by money from subscriptions. A decrease in membership would lower the amount of money being received, but would also result in savings on printing and postage of publications. The Treasurer, assisted by the Finance Committee, supplies Council with regular updates to allow the Trustees to make informed decisions about planned expenditure.

Plans for the Future Period

The Trustees are currently drawing up spending plans for both the short and medium term to ensure that the Society's money is best used to address our aims. This has already begun with an increase in research spending during 2021 allowing a wide range of initiatives at Broadland Country Park.

Norfolk & Norwich Naturalists' Society

Registered Charity 291604

1st January to 31st December 2021

RECEIPTS

RECEIPTS		2021	2020
Voluntary sources	Subscriptions - (Note 1)	13,818	13,141
	Grants / legacies - (Note 2)	15,951	14,329
	Donations - (Note 3)	7,472	1,505
Trading activities	Bird & Mammal Report sales	2,500	2,593
	Sales of other publications	973	1,524
	Other sales	0	1,232
	Delivery and postage costs - (Note 4)	0	0
	Workshop attendance fees - (Note 5)	30	90
Income from assets	Interest	294	526
Total receipts		41,038	34,941

PAYMENTS

PAYMENTS		2021	2020
		Total	Total
Lectures & meetings	Room hire / speakers' expenses	414	448
	Workshops - (Note 5)	0	100
	Programme card printing	0	309
	Exhibitions and publicity	84	0
Publications - (Note 6)	The Transactions	0	7,542
	The Bird & Mammal Report	6,879	6,497
	Sales expenses, fees, postage	596	45
	The Occasional Publications	3,729	7,520
Membership services - (Note 7)	Quarterly Natterjack - (inc. postage & stationery)	2,904	3,604
	Postage to members and reminders	88	286
	Paypal fees and welcoming new members - (Note 8)	168	119
	Website	103	255
Research & education	Research	2,189	349
	Education	135	0
Governance	AGM expenses: print+post	112	402
	Public liability insurance	655	655
	Consumables, envelopes, labels	85	136
	(Note 9) - 2019 Committee for 150 year anniversary	2,591	865
	Publication sales postage	598	0
	Committee printing, stationery & postage	0	144
	Sending accounts for examination	11	0
Total payments		21,342	29,276

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1st January to 31st December 2021

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	2021	2020	
Movement in funds	Start of year balance	107,527	101,863
	Receipts	41,038	34,941
	Payments	21,342	29,276
	End of year balance	127,223	107,527
Assets at period end represented by:			
	Cash at Barclays	28,743	13,273
	Paypal account unbanked	166	0
	Teachers Saving A/c	98,314	98,020
	Unbanked cheques	0	0
	Less uncleared cheques	0	-3,766
	End of year balance	127,223	107,527

Liabilities at period end:

Expenses incurred in 2021 but not claimed before the year ended, will be paid in 2022


Notes

- 1) At year end we had 675 subscribing members (653 at end of 2020)
- 2) The Legacy of Barbara Ann Fox was nearly £16,000
- 3) Note that in 2018 we discontinued to refer to "the Peet Fund" in accounts, the donations are no longer restricted, but we continue to acknowledge the Sarnia Trust, in our printed publications - they donated £7,000 in 2021 (The remaining £472 is the total of 38 other donations.)
- 4) "Revenue" from PayPal postage was notional and is included in prices
- 5) Few Workshops were held and no expenses claimed this year
- 6) Publications costs are listed with postage and packaging included.
- 7) Natterjack is printed and sent free only to Members.
- 8) 50 new members joined in 2021 (56 in 2020)
- 9) Purchase of books for the Wheatfen library.

J Froud - Treasurer 16/08/2022

DECLARATION

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature: 

Position: Chairman

Full name: Anthony Robert Leech

Date: 23/08/2022

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S UNQUALIFIED REPORT

NORFOLK AND NORWICH NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 291604

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Norfolk and Norwich Naturalists' Society

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Norfolk and Norwich Naturalists' Society ('the charity') for the year ended 31 December 2021 which comprise the summary of receipts and payments and the statement of assets and liabilities.

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's trustees those matters I am required to state to them in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for my work, for this report, or for the opinions I have formed.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

An independent examination does not involve gathering all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently does not cover all the matters that an auditor considers in giving their opinion on the accounts. The planning and conduct of an audit goes beyond the limited assurance that an independent examination can provide. Consequently I express no audit opinion on the accounts and my report is limited to those specific matters set out in the independent examiner's statement.

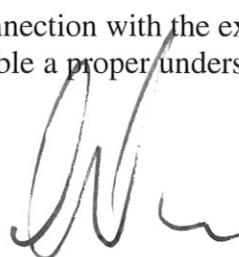
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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- the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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NORFOLK AND NORWICH NATURALISTS' SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 291604

Accounts

***Norfolk and Norwich
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ANNUAL REPORT 2020

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Presidents, Vice Presidents and Council members serving during 2020

(members served throughout the year except where stated otherwise).

Presidents:	Simon Barnes <i>(to 10.3.20)</i>	Dr. Jeff Price <i>(from 10.3.20)</i>
Vice Presidents:	Dr RE Baker, AL Bull, RC Hancy, PW Lambley, DI Richmond	
Chairman:	C Chapman	
Secretary:	J Emerson	
Assistant Secretary:	FJL Farrow	
Treasurer:	J Froud <i>(from 10.3.20)</i>	
Assistant Treasurer:	J Froud <i>(to 10.3.20)</i>	T Hodge <i>(from 10.3.20)</i>
Membership committee:	J Hubbard <i>(chair)</i> <i>(to 10.3.20)</i>	J Froud <i>(secretary)</i>
Programme committee:	D Cheyne <i>(chair)</i> <i>(to 10.3.20)</i> D Engelbrecht <i>(chair)</i> <i>(from 10.3.20)</i>	Dr SR Martin <i>(secretary)</i> <i>(to 10.3.20)</i>
Publications committee:	Dr AR Leech <i>(chair)</i>	Dr J Parmenter <i>(secretary)</i>
Research committee:	Dr AG Irwin <i>(chair)</i>	Dr NM Collins <i>(secretary)</i>
Liaison committee:	C Chapman <i>(chair)</i>	Dr J Parmenter <i>(secretary)</i>
Finance committee:	J Froud <i>(chair)</i>	T Hodge <i>(secretary)</i>

Elected council members:

Retiring 2020: T Frost, T Hodge, R Hawke
(All to 10.3.20)

Retiring 2021: D Ashton, W Fitch, M Goddard

Retiring 2022: J Higgins, T Kemp, T Williams

Retiring 2023: A. Liddle
(All from 10.3.20)

Co-opted Members: To be invited following the first meeting of the new council.

Hon. Independent Examiner: M. Benstead

Addresses:

Honorary Secretary: J Emerson, 108 Sleaford Green, Norwich, NR3 3JT.

NORFOLK & NORWICH NATURALISTS' SOCIETY . . .

The Society was founded in 1869 and became a registered charity in 1985 with registration number 291604. Its governing instrument is the constitution adopted on 4 March, 1983 as amended on 22 March, 1985, 16 March, 1999, 21 March, 2006, 10 March, 2015, 12 March, 2019 and 10 March, 2020.

The management of the affairs of the Society is in the hands of a Council consisting of Vice Presidents, officers and elected members as listed opposite.

The Society President is nominated by Council to serve for one year and is a person who has made a significant contribution to the understanding of natural history.

The objectives of the Society are:

- to promote, organise, carry on and encourage education of the public and study and research for the advancement of knowledge in natural sciences and to protect endangered species.

To furtherance of the above objects but not further or otherwise the Society may:

- publish papers on the natural sciences, especially those relating to Norfolk.
- encourage the exchange of information between naturalists by means of meetings and excursions.
- protect endangered species by the collection of information, co-operative surveys, investigations and the dissemination of the useful results of such investigations.
- do all such other lawful things as shall further the attainment of the above objects.

. . . ***Researching Norfolk's Wildlife***

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The council of the Norfolk and Norwich Naturalists' Society has pleasure in presenting this Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending December 31st 2020. This was in every way a very difficult year.

Membership at the end of 2020 stood at 653 (619 at the end of 2019). The number of new members totalled 56 during the course of the year. Of course, several members left or sadly died during the course of the year but one new member per week is very pleasing. The majority of our subscriptions and purchases are now received by Paypal making this much easier to administer.

The Society ended the year with general account reserves of £107,527.29 (£101, 862.52 at the end of 2019). The Society continues to receive legacies for which we are very grateful. These donations have enabled the Society's publications to be of an extremely high standard. Indeed, they have been widely acclaimed.

Our membership may be assured the Society's finances continue to be in a very healthy position. I am pleased, under Jim Froud's auspice as Treasurer, the finance committee once again did an excellent job in balancing the books.

A sensible move this year was to consolidate the work carried out by the former Membership and Programme Committees. The result was the new Membership and Events Committee.

Education is something to which the Society is committed. Talks are a substantial part of what the society does to promote the wildlife within the county and despite restrictions a programme of talks was resurrected by way of Zoom technology. Members and others could still contribute to these events without any travel being involved. A benefit to the planet. The contribution by the speakers is once again very much appreciated; Mark Ollett, Tony Howes, Simon Barnes, Julia Burton, James Parry and Mike Jones did a good job. I was even called in as a last-minute replacement myself during early March. Many of the events were organised initially by Stephen Martin and more latterly by Danielle Engelbrecht. Thank you both.

The programme of workshops and field meetings throughout the summer months however had to be foregone but they are in the process of being rescheduled for 2021.

Our thanks must go to Geoff Price who took us through our year as president.

The Research Committee led by Tony Irwin continued to do good work. Tony retired from his position as chair during the year. He will be sorely missed but we will continue to use his knowledge from afar I'm sure. The committee will be for the time being be in the safe hands of Mark Collins.

Tony Leech once again led the Publications Committee and pulled together the 2019 Bird and Mammal Report. The articles and photographs included are a tribute to Andy Stoddart who once again acted as the report and photographic editor. Richard Moores once more produced a marvellous mammal report. The mammoth undertaking by Tony overseeing the publication of Transactions, which hit members doormats just

before Christmas, and the 'Emma Turner' and of course 'Norfolk's 150' occasional publications cannot be understated. Indeed, during the year Tony, as I'm sure you are aware, was the recipient of the Sydney Long medal for contributions to the county's wildlife. A well-deserved accolade given collectively by both the NNNS and the NWT.

The Norfolk Natterjack, our quarterly newsletter continues to be excellently edited and compiled by Francis Farrow.

The Society's Facebook page has increased from 1700 members at the end of 2019 to 2900 members at the end of 2020. Thanks are due again to Andy Musgrove for acting as our administrator. This is a means of contacting members and others immediately of any changes or events and its importance now, and increasingly so in the future, cannot be understated.

The Society's website remains our 'shop window' to the world and is aptly maintained by Jim Froud. One of the well-used resources are the species guides and these have been updated during 2020 by David Richmond.

The Liaison Committee continues to fill into its remit and objections were raised to several planning projects where the county's wildlife was put at undue risk. The Society continues to act hand in hand with the Norfolk Wildlife Trust (NWT) in this respect. Our relationship with the Norfolk Biodiversity Information Service (NBIS) is a strong one. The overseeing of the County Recorders network is an ongoing process. The role of our county recorders is a difficult one. Often a thankless task. My thanks go to every single one of them.

In 2020 several trustees came to the end of their term in office or have stood down as members of council and I thank them wholeheartedly for their service; Joe Hubbard (Membership Committee Chairman), Dorothy Cheyne (Programme Committee Chairman), Dr Stephen Martin (Programme Committee Secretary), Dr Tony Irwin (Research Committee Chairman), Teresa Frost (Council member), Rob Hawkes (Council member), Greg Bond (Council member), Ewan Carr (Council member). I extend my gratitude to these and all who have contributed.

If it were not for James Emerson, our secretary, I could not have continued as Chairman for the last four years. His accuracy and punctuality are legendary. Every charity needs a James Emerson. My personal thanks go wholeheartedly to him for his help and his continued service.

For various reasons it is better I step down as Chairman at our next AGM rather than fulfil the full term of a fifth year. At the time of writing the position of chairman is open to nominees. I shall still be heavily involved with the Society but must take this opportunity to say I have enjoyed immensely being part of an organisation which has always been stalwart in its aims. I hope you feel I have left it in a stronger position than when I was first elected as chairman. As we move into 2021 the world is faced with many challenges. I hope above all hope that we can all conquer those challenges together, become stronger for having faced them and enjoy a better world.



Carl Chapman (Chairman)

Norfolk & Norwich Naturalists' Society

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RECEIPTS 2020

RECEIPTS		2020	2019	
A1.1	Voluntary sources	Subscriptions	13,141.47	12,657.25
A1.2		Grants / legacies	14,329.14	21,386.98
A1.3		Sundry donations	1,504.75	1,591.82
A2.1	Trading activities	Bird report sales (prev yr edn)	2,592.86	132.51
A2.2		Bird report sales (current yr edn)	1,524.46	1,446.02
A2.3		Sales of other publications	1,231.84	701.30
A2.4		Delivery / postage	0.00	0.00
A2.5		Workshop attendance fees	90.00	0.00
A3.1	Income from assets	Interest	526.05	872.38
		Total receipts	34,940.57	38,788.26

PAYMENTS 2020

PAYMENTS		2020	2019	
		Total	Total	
B1.1	Lectures & meetings	Room hire / speakers' expenses	448.00	535.00
B1.2		Workshops	100.00	345.92
B1.3		Programme card printing	308.75	322.80
B1.4		Exhibitions and publicity	0.00	2,898.14
B2.1	Publications	Transactions (incl postage)	7,541.92	2,959.94
B2.2		B&M - (incl postage)	6,496.74	5,923.16
B2.3		Sales expenses, fees, postage	45.39	65.51
B2.4		Occn Publications (incl postage)	7,520.29	2,511.69
B3.1	Membership services	Quarterly "Natterjack", print, postage & stationery	3,603.73	3,016.79
B3.2		Postage to members	286.07	243.17
B3.3		Paypal fees, reminders, new members	118.96	92.22
B3.4		Website	255.24	98.24
B4.1	Research & education	Research	349.00	1,023.01
B4.2		Education	0.00	0.00
C1.1	Governance	AGM expenses: print+post	402.20	106.46
C1.2		Public liability insurance	654.56	654.56
C1.3		Consumables, envelopes, labels	135.80	12.08
C1.4		2019 committee	865.27	4,668.65
C1.5		Publication sales postage (carried forward)	0.00	7.05
C1.6		Committee printing, stationery & postage	143.88	136.09
C1.7		Ind exam / miscellaneous	0.00	419.43
		Total payments	29,275.80	26,039.91

Norfolk & Norwich Naturalists' Society
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Movement in funds / end-of-year assets	2020	2019
	Total	Total
Movement in funds		
Start of year balance	101,862.52	89,114.17
Receipts	34,940.57	38,788.26
Payments	29,275.80	26,039.91
End of year balance	107,527.29	101,862.52
Assets at period end Represented by:		
Cash at Barclays	13,273.29	7,098.13
Paypal account	0.00	0.00
Teachers Saving A/c	98,019.58	94,764.39
Unbanked cheques	0.00	0.00
Less uncleared cheques	-3,765.58	0.00
End of year balance	107,527.29	101,862.52

Liabilities at period end:

Publications expenses incurred in December and cheques not yet cleared (as above).

Notes on variances:

A1.2: Legacies of Veronica Larter, Paul Woolnough and Iris Calton

A2.4 "Revenue" from PayPal postage was notional and is included in prices

A2.5 and B1.2: Workshops were pre 2020

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J Froud - Treasurer 04/01/2021



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